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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the Lake Como Sanitary District 1,
Walworth County, for Authority to Construct
Water Supply Facilities and Operate as a
Water Public Utility

2973-CW-100

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION, TELEPHONIC HEARING,
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

The Lake Como Sanitary District 1 (district), Walworth County, filed an application on February 20, 1998, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) for district authority pursuant to ss. 196.01, 196.02, and 196.49, Stats., and ch. PSC 184, Wis. Adm. Code, to construct water supply facilities and operate as a water public utility.

The district estimates that the cost of constructing the proposed water facilities is \$8,657,100.00. With this total cost and other utility operation and water consumption forecasts, Commission staff estimated the district annual revenue requirement to be \$538,100.00. The annual public fire-protection (PFP) cost is projected to be \$193,700.00. Applicant intends to direct charge utility customers for PFP. On an equivalent meter basis the PFP charge for a typical residential customer would be approximately \$16.60 per month. For general water service, staff estimates the average residential customer's monthly bill would be approximately \$29.30 for 4,000 gallons of water. Therefore, the total monthly bill that an average residential customer would receive is \$16.60 plus \$29.30, or a total of approximately \$45.90.

The district proposes to construct two wells, an elevated tank and a water distribution system with hydrants. With the current use of private wells, septic systems for sewage on each lot, and the close proximity of high groundwater, one major benefit of this project is a safer water supply. The other major benefit of a public water supply is fire protection. Boundaries for the water utility service area will be those of the district.

The purpose of the hearing in this docket is to receive public comments on the proposed district water system and establish the record for the Commission to decide if public convenience and necessity require the project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a public hearing on March 27, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. This will be a telephonic hearing involving two sites. The district will provide a room for customer participation in the Geneva Town Hall, N3496 Como Road, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147. Customers may call Mr. Hubert Jensen, General Manager, at (414) 248-2077 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This room is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the Public Service Commission Office Building at 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin 53705, in the Lake Superior Room. This

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building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor entrance (lobby). Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw, General Services Assistant, at (608) 267-9766.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this matter is deemed to be a Class 1 proceeding. See s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

This is a Type II action under s. PSC 4.10 (2), Wis. Adm. Code. It consequently requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under s. 1.11, Stats. Persons wishing to comment on the environmental aspects of this case should send comments to Ms. Karen Michaels, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI, 53707, or call (608) 267-1476. In order to be considered in this analysis, comments must be received prior to the hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission deems it necessary in order to carry out its duties herein to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of the district, or the district as a water public utility, if and when such authorization is granted. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from the district or the district as a water public utility, if and when such authorization is granted, in accordance with the provisions of s. 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions about the hearing in this matter, please contact Nancy Anthony, Examining Division, at (608) 266-1261.

Other questions concerning this matter should be directed to Peter Feneht, P.E., Division of Water, Compliance and Consumer Affairs, at (608) 266-5614.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

By the Commission.

Joyce A. Narveson, Administrator
Division of Water, Compliance and Consumer Affairs

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